

EVERY MONTH OF WAR IS ENRICHING RUSSIANS

Economic Prosperity of People Is Greater Than Was Ever Conceivable Possible.

MINISTER OF FINANCE TALKS

Contrasts Conditions in His Country With Germany's—Peasants Grow in Thrift and Economy Since Enforcement of Prohibition.

PETROGRAD, February 19 (via London).—Contrasting Russia's increasing prosperity with Germany's financial and economic condition, the Russian Minister of Finance, Pierre L. Bark, in a statement to the Associated Press today, expressed the opinion that Russia could prosecute the war indefinitely without serious menace to the financial stability of the country.

"Russia's finances rest upon the most solid foundation in the world," said the minister, "the economic prosperity of the Russian people, which is now greater than was ever conceivable possible before the beginning of the war. Thus, while the masses of the German people are reduced by war to poverty, every month of the war has enriched the Russians."

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ATTACK BY GERMANS

IS EASILY REPULSED

PARIS, February 19 (via London).—The War Office statement today reads: "In the Ardennes district the Germans yesterday evening, at a point to the north of Dinant, delivered an unimportant attack, which was easily repulsed."

CONQUEST OF KAMERUN

COMPLETED BY ALLIES

LONDON, February 19.—The complete conquest of the Kamerun, the German colony in equatorial Africa, was officially announced this afternoon.

The official statement was as follows: "A telegram from the Governor-General of Nigeria, February 18, reported that the German garrison at Mora, in North Kamerun, had capitulated. This completes the conquest of the Kamerun by the allied forces, and A. Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, telegraphed warm congratulations to Major-General Dabell, to Brigadier-General Gundle and to the forces under their commands."

GERMANY MASSING NEW FORCES IN BELGIUM

LONDON, February 19.—Germany is massing new forces of great strength in South and Central Belgium, according to unofficial dispatches received from Amsterdam. The movement has been going on for the past six days. The railroad to the west and south of the Dutch frontier have been transporting huge contingents of artillery and infantry, and other detachments have been sent forward by way of Louvain, Wavren and Gembloux to the southeast, say the border advisers.

Fighting, owing to weather conditions, has been confined principally to artillery and mining operations. In Artois, northwest of hill 140, the recent German gains, by which they projected a sharp wedge into the French line, was nullified by the explosion of a French mine. The blast destroyed the German trench.

Another English attack, made in an effort to gain lost ground southeast of Ypres, was repulsed, according to the Berlin statement. At the eastern extreme of the line, near the French frontier in lower Alsace, the Germans penetrated a French position, destroyed some defensive works and returned with some prisoners and two mine throwers.

ROBBERIES REPORTED

Mrs. W. C. Stokes Has Pocketbook Stolen While in Telephone Booth.

Mrs. W. C. Stokes, Room 352 Murphy's Hotel, reported to the police yesterday that some one had stolen her pocketbook, containing \$5.00, while she was using the telephone at Grant's drug store.

Miss Bessie Schmitz, 450 Smith street, last night reported to the police that a negro had snatched her pocketbook from her hand near First and Clay streets, and had escaped by running away. She said the purse contained about \$4.50. She was able to give a description of the negro, but the police had not located him up to an early hour this morning.

M. Verelke, 221 West Marshall Street, had not recovered his hat, stolen from before his residence last night, after an early hour this morning, according to the police.

Mrs. Francis Doe, 817 East Akron street, yesterday notified the police that a pair of valuable earrings had been stolen from her at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mrs. M. Clonton, also of the Jefferson Hotel, complained of the loss of a fan yesterday.

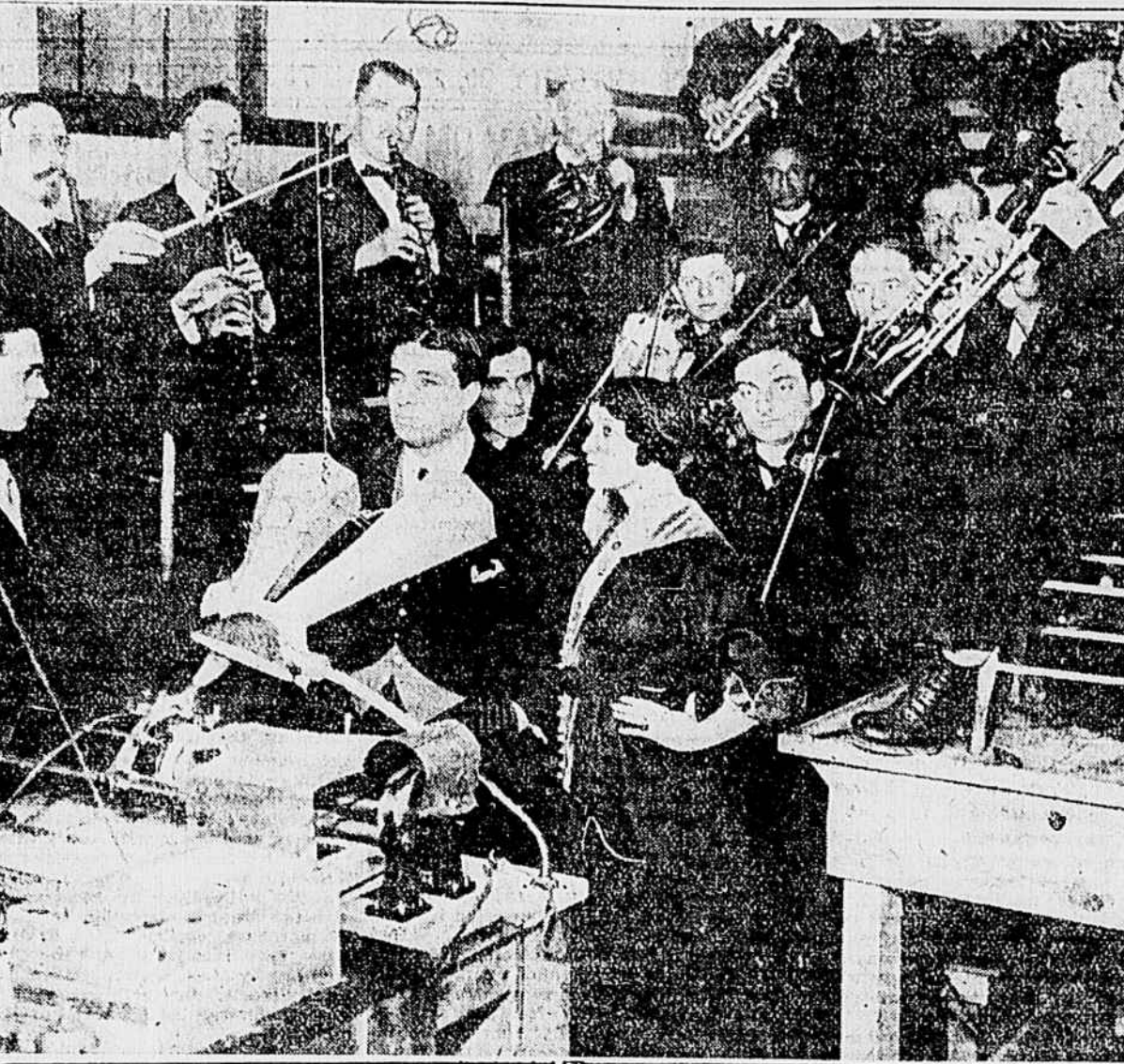
MRS. ARCHER INJURED
Struck by Automobile of E. C. Bolton and Knocked Down—Able to Go Home Uninjured.

Mrs. A. W. Archer, 101 North Sixth street, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon when struck by the automobile of E. C. Bolton, 417 East Clay street. Although knocked down by the machine, Mrs. Archer was able to go to her home uninjured.

Arrested on Speeding Charge.
Lewis Hoot, 241 West Marshall Street, was arrested last night by Policeman E. N. Clarke on a charge of speeding.

Eulank Injured.
L. W. Eulank, 221 Buchanan Street, was brought to the First Precinct Station last night to be treated for wounds said to have been inflicted by Joseph E. Holt. Eulank was not severely injured and was able to go to his home after Ambulance Surgeon Holt had treated him. Holt was arrested by Policeman Clive on a warrant charging him with assaulting and injuring Eulank.

Recording the Voices of Lina Cavalieri and Lucien Muratore



A scene in the recording studio while the "adorable Lina" Cavalieri and Lucien Muratore, the Italian tenor, were singing the "Salut Bemeure" from Faust. Muratore was born in Marseilles, France. His father was an Italian and his mother French. He was "discovered" by M. Carpe, the impresario of the Opera Comique. Recently he sang the French national song to the French soldiers in Alsace and inspired them to such a degree that those who were fortunate enough to have heard him have not yet forgotten the melody of the song which has inspired Frenchmen since its very birth. Dr. G. W. Roulfort, musical director, at the left with baton in hand, is conducting. The picture is especially interesting inasmuch as it shows Mme. Cavalieri, the internationally known singer, as she is today. Incidentally the photograph will interest the lovers of the music reproducing machines, as it shows just how the voice accompanied by the orchestra is recorded.

MEXICAN QUESTION

TO HIGHEST COURT

Supreme Bench Asked to Pass on Effect of the Carranza Recognition.

WASHINGTON, February 19.—The Supreme Court of the United States was asked today to consider and give decision as to the effect of the recognition by the United States of the Carranza government on certain claims of Americans to property seized by Carranza followers early in their revolution. It is the first question of international law to come before the court as a result of the recent troubles in Mexico.

The decision was requested by the judges of the Fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals, who have before them a suit by the American Metal Company, Limited, of New York, to be put into possession of \$17,000 worth of lead bullion in bonded warehouse of custom officials at El Paso, Texas.

The company claims that it had acquired the bullion of the Penoles Mining Company at Hamejillo, Mexico, and that General Carranza, one of the Carranza leaders then fighting Huerta, seized and sold the bullion to buy supplies for his forces. It is alleged that those to whom Carranza sold the bullion imported it into the United States.

The Western District Court in Texas assumed jurisdiction over the property and awarded judgment in favor of the American Metal Company.

The Circuit Court of Appeals, being uncertain as to the law, now asks the Supreme Court to decide on a hypothetical statement setting forth the facts in the case. The Federal courts have jurisdiction of such cases, if the recognition of Carranza deprived the Federal courts of jurisdiction and if the seizure for the purpose of buying supplies had the effect of divesting American citizens not resident in Mexico of title to the property condemned.

WILL PRESENT MADAM VOGUE

Latest in Cut and Exclusive Design to Be Shown at Annual Exhibition.

The latest in cut and most exclusive in design will be the gowns shown in the annual Fashion Show to be held Tuesday afternoon and evening in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, under the auspices of the Elbert School Alumnae. The Kaufmann store, which brought the display to Richmond, promises much in the way of a variety of imported and American models suitable for every purpose of midday's wardrobe.

The program of the event, which will be in four acts, reads: "Tailleur suit, costumes des sports, apures mill and promenade frocks and costumes des elegantes." The show will be on the largest scale ever attempted in a Southern city, it is said. Copies of the best efforts of the great houses of international fame will be worn by Miss Mary Taylor, of this city, who will impersonate Madam Vogue. She will be assisted by a number of Richmond girls.

Adolphus Blair Scott and Garrett Wall, Jr., as pages, and Misses Rose Caperton and Helen Wallace will assist in staging the exhibit.

Refusing to Move On.
G. M. Hutton was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Ernest on a charge of refusing to move when ordered to do so by the officer.

SPRING MEDICINE

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the Great Blood Purifier, is the Best.

Spring sickness comes in some degree to every man, woman and child in our climate. It is that run-down condition of the system that results from impure, impoverished, dehydrated blood. It is marked by loss of appetite and that tired feeling and in many cases by some form of eruption.

The best way to treat spring sickness is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This old reliable family medicine purifies, enriches and revitalizes the blood. It is an all-year-round alternative and tonic, and is absolutely the best spring medicine.

Belgians Grateful to American People

Their Love, Friendship and Faith Offered as Tribute of Appreciation.

NEW YORK, February 19.—America has contributed \$7,500,000 to the relief of Belgium, according to E. van de Vyver, Belgian Minister of Finance, who said today for London on the steamship St. Paul, after spending several weeks in this country. Up to February footings and clothing valued at more than \$6,000,000 had been shipped into Belgium, he said. Belgian interests supplied more than \$6,000,000 of the sum expended. The remainder was given by the people of the United States and other countries. Mr. van de Vyver stated that \$150,000 worth of supplies had been purchased in this country. The Belgian minister thanked the American people for their generosity, and said in a farewell message: "I ask you, individually and as a nation, to accept the love, the friendship and the faith which is offered to America by every Belgian as the tribute of their gratitude."

DR. CECIL TO SPEAK

Will Discuss Divine Healing at Railway Young Men's Christian Association.

The afternoon meeting for men and women at the Railway Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon will be addressed by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D. His theme will be "The Truth About Divine Healing." A. D. Bryant will sing a solo. The service begins at 3:30 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock the Greek class recently organized for instruction by the association will hold a meeting, at which pictures illustrating St. Paul's conversion of good citizenship will be shown. This class now number over 100 Greeks, and they are manifesting great interest in it.

The Tuesday Club's speaker, this week will be Rev. H. E. Hutton, and he will have as his subject, "Citizenship in the Kingdom of God."

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It

Nature warns you when the track of health is not clear. Kidney and bladder troubles cause many annoying symptoms and great inconvenience both day and night.

Unhealthy kidneys may cause lumbar, rheumatic, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints or muscles, at times have headache or indigestion, as time passes you may have a yellow complexion, puffiness or circles under the eyes, sometimes feel as though you had heart trouble, may have plenty of ambition but no strength, get weak and lose flesh.

If such conditions are permitted to continue, serious results may be expected. Kidney trouble in its worst form may steal upon you.

Prevalency of Kidney Disease.
Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. The most common disorders are among the most common diseases that prevail. They are almost the last recognized by patients, who usually content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease may constantly undermine the system.

If you feel that your kidneys are the cause of your sickness or run-down condition, try taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the famous kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys improve, they will help the other organs to health.

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Shows Complete Co-Operation of Russian Troops Over Wide Area.

MAKES RESISTANCE USELESS

Turks Apparently Realized That Fortress Was Doomed, and They Withdrew Most of Their Forces Before Final Onslaught.

PETROGRAD, February 19 (via London).—The first story in detail of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians reached Petrograd semi-officially today.

It shows complete co-operation of Russian troops over a wide area, which made useless resistance on the part of the Turks. Apparently the Turks realized the fall of Erzerum was inevitable, and withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught, leaving the garrisons of the widely separated forts to their fate.

The campaign began to reach its climax in the last days of January. The troops of General P., from the north, and those of General K., from the east, moved against the first forts under the most severe weather conditions. The Russians dragged their artillery to the heights surrounding the fortresses, and when all was ready began to bombard Forts Kara Gudek, twenty miles, and Fort Dalan Gez, fifteen miles northeast of Erzerum, preparatory to the bayonet assault.

On January 29 both forts capitulated. The taking of Dalan Gez made a breach in the outer line defenses along the Beve Boim range in front of the city. The capture of Kara Gudek opened a direct passage through the Karabagas Pass to the city proper from the northeast.

LEAVES ONLY ONE FORT

SEPARATING THE ARMIES

Fort Tafta lies midway between these two fortresses. In a night attack on January 30 this fort was captured, leaving only Chaban Bebe between the two armies operating from this quarter.

On February 2 the Russians began to storm the whole front line on the Beve Boim heights. By evening all these positions were in Russian hands, permitting complete junction of the troops on the northeast. The fall of this first line quickly decided the fate of the inner forts.

Meanwhile, the Palan Taken group of forts, seven miles to the south, had been surrounded on three sides. The general assault on the second line began without giving the men time for a rest. The five inner forts made only a feeble resistance. Their garrisons beat a hasty retreat into the city, and followed the bulk of the troops, which already were on the roads leading westward. Only the rear guard took part in the fighting of the last day.

Signs that the evacuation was under way were observed immediately after the fall of the first fort.

TURKS MAY ATTEMPT TO MAKE SOME STAND

It is thought possible the Turks will attempt to make a stand at the first favorable point, which is in the hills on the western edge of Erzerum Valley, eleven miles distant, but it is not reported.

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